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	Examiner	Art Unit 2614 Quoc D. Tran -2643-

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2003.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-16, 18, 19 and 21-25 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 17 and 20 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 November 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Remark

1. A Terminal Disclaimer on 9/23/2003 without any response letter to the Office Action. However, the examiner had stated during an interview that the Terminal Disclaimer would be treated as a proper response. Therefore, the application will resume prosecution.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-16, 18-19 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsuchida (5,193,089)

Consider claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13-14 and 23, Tsuchida teaches method and system having an interface unit for a main unit which connects a key telephone to a telephone network in a key telephone system (abstract), comprising: a communication section configured to communicate data with the key telephone by either of first and second transmission schemes; a model determination section configured to determine whether the key telephone is compatible with both of the first and second transmission schemes or only the first transmission scheme; and a selection section configured to select the first transmission scheme when the key telephone is compatible with only the first transmission scheme, and select the second transmission scheme when the key telephone is compatible to both of the first and second transmission schemes (col. 2 lines 10-30, lines 56-63; col. 3 lines 32-67).

Consider claim 2, 5, 8, 11, 15, 18, 21 and 24, Tsuchida teaches wherein the second transmission scheme is higher in transmission rate than the first transmission scheme (col. 2 lines 56-63).

Consider claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 16, 19, 22 and 25 The interface unit according to claim 1, wherein the first transmission scheme includes a fixed transmission pattern for control data, and the second transmission scheme includes a transmission pattern selected from a plurality of patterns for the control data.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 17 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Quoc Tran** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7511**. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, TH and Friday from 8:00 to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Curtis Kuntz**, can be reached on **(571) 272-7499**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **Technology Center 2600** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2600**.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER



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